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#### **MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL REENTRY**

**Columbia, South Carolina** ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Octavio Huicho Flores, age 26, of Mexico, pled guilty Wednesday in federal court in Florence, to illegal reentry into the United States after being convicted of an aggravated felony, a violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a)(2) and (b)(2). United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten of Florence accepted the plea and will impose sentence after he has reviewed the presentence report which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that Flores was a citizen of Mexico and entered the United States illegally on December 1, 1996. On November 10, 1999, Flores was convicted in California for child cruelty: possible injury/death and false imprisonment, and received a sentence of 56 months incarceration. On February 25, 2002, Flores was deported to Mexico. Thereafter, Flores illegally entered the United States and was found at the J. Reuben Long Detention Center, in Horry County, South Carolina, on January 30, 2012.

Mr. Nettles stated the maximum penalty Flores can receive is a fine of \$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment for 20 years, plus a special assessment of \$100.00.

The case was investigated by agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) agents. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II of the Florence office handled the case.

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